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A reissue patent is for "the unexpired part of the term of the original patent." See 35 U.S.C. 251. Accordingly, the above-identified reissue application is not eligible for Patent Term Extension or Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154(b).

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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

Wilbert L. Starks, Jr.

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Applicant's filing of 11/09/2001.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-22.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

/Wilbert L. Starks, Jr./
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2129

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-22 are allowed.

The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1-22 are considered allowable since when reading the claims in light of the specification, as per MPEP §2111.01, none of the references of record alone or in combination disclose or suggest the combination of limitations specified in independent claim 1, including: a "communication network" (as defined at column 2, lines 51 through 61 and at column 4, lines 13 through 25 and at column 3, lines 22 through 45 and at column 6, lines 17 through 58 and at column 7, lines 1 through 4 and at column 8, lines 38 through 67 and at column 10, lines 1 through 2 and at column 9, lines 1 through 7 and at column 10, lines 30 through 37 and at column 10, lines 47 through 67 and at column 11, lines 60 through 67 and at column 14, lines 9 through 18 and at column 13, lines 11 through 24 and at column 14, lines 40 through 52 and at column 14, lines 59 through 67 and at column 15, lines 38 through 45 and at column 16, lines 59 through 67 and at column 18, lines 1 through 31 and at column 19, lines 1 through 4), a "workstation" (as defined at column 2, lines 30 through 50 and at column 18, lines 31 through 67 and at column 19, lines 5 through 25 and at column 21, lines 9 through 37), a "device type of the connected device" (as defined at column 9, lines 19 through 22 and at column 22, lines 24 through 34 and at column 25, lines 10 through 22), a "role of

the connected device with respect to the process control system" (as defined at column 4, lines 1 through 12), a "assigning a physical device tag the determined role" (as defined at column 4, lines 1 through 22 and at column 6, lines 59 through 67 and at column 8, lines 1 through 9 and at column 7, lines 8 through 20 and at column 8, lines 38 through 67 and at column 7, lines 41 through 60 and at column 10, lines 3 through 46 and at column 9, lines 37 through 51 and at column 12, lines 1 through 67 and at column 11, lines 10 through 67 and at column 13, lines 1 through 2 and at column 14, lines 18 through 29 and at column 13, lines 35 through 67 and at column 14, lines 40 through 67 and at column 15, lines 1 through 67), a "verifying connection of the device to the network" (as defined at column 4, lines 1 through 12 and at column 23, lines 42 through 64).

Further, none of the references of record alone or in combination disclose or suggest the combination of limitations specified in independent claim 2, including: a "communication network" (as defined at column 2, lines 51 through 61 and at column 4, lines 13 through 25 and at column 3, lines 22 through 45 and at column 6, lines 17 through 58 and at column 7, lines 1 through 4 and at column 8, lines 38 through 67 and at column 10, lines 1 through 2 and at column 9, lines 1 through 7 and at column 10, lines 30 through 37 and at column 10, lines 47 through 67 and at column 11, lines 60 through 67 and at column 14, lines 9 through 18 and at column 13, lines 11 through 24 and at column 14, lines 40 through 52 and at column 14, lines 59 through 67 and at column 15, lines 38 through 45 and at column 16, lines 59 through 67 and at column 18, lines 1 through 31 and at column 19, lines 1 through 4), a "workstation" (as defined at

column 2, lines 30 through 50 and at column 18, lines 31 through 67 and at column 19, lines 5 through 25 and at column 21, lines 9 through 37), an "initiating" of the "calibration of the connected device" (as defined at column 4, lines 1 through 12 and at column 6, lines 43 through 48), a "configuring" of the device "within an overall control scheme of the process control system" (as defined at column 4, lines 1 through 12 and at column 4, lines 22 through 47 and at column 3, lines 45 through 67 and at column 6, lines 8 through 16 and at column 7, lines 30 through 40 and at column 7, lines 40 through 60 and at column 10, lines 9 through 46 and at column 9, lines 52 through 67 and at column 12, lines 12 through 20 and at column 12, lines 44 through 60 and at column 14, lines 9 through 17 and at column 14, lines 40 through 67 and at column 16, lines 39 through 58 and at column 17, lines 35 through 50 and at column 22, lines 1 through 67 and at column 21, lines 9 through 67 and at column 23, lines 1 through 64 and at column 24, lines 1 through 67).

Further, none of the references of record alone or in combination disclose or suggest the combination of limitations specified in independent claim 3, including: a "communication network" (as defined at column 2, lines 51 through 61 and at column 4, lines 13 through 25 and at column 3, lines 22 through 45 and at column 6, lines 17 through 58 and at column 7, lines 1 through 4 and at column 8, lines 38 through 67 and at column 10, lines 1 through 2 and at column 9, lines 1 through 7 and at column 10, lines 30 through 37 and at column 10, lines 47 through 67 and at column 11, lines 60 through 67 and at column 14, lines 9 through 18 and at column 13, lines 11 through 24 and at column 14, lines 40 through 52 and at column 14, lines 59 through 67 and at

column 15, lines 38 through 45 and at column 16, lines 59 through 67 and at column 18, lines 1 through 31 and at column 19, lines 1 through 4), a "workstation" (as defined at column 2, lines 30 through 50 and at column 18, lines 31 through 67 and at column 19, lines 5 through 25 and at column 21, lines 9 through 37), a "device type of the connected device" (as defined at column 9, lines 19 through 22 and at column 22, lines 24 through 34 and at column 25, lines 10 through 22), an "installing" of "a control strategy to the digital device" (as defined at column 4, lines 1 through 12 and at column 7, lines 1 through 4 and at column 10, lines 19 through 28 and at column 22, lines 13 through 23 and at column 21, lines 30 through 62).

Further, none of the references of record alone or in combination disclose or suggest the combination of limitations specified in independent claim 4, including: a "network" (as defined at column 2, lines 51 through 61 and at column 4, lines 13 through 25 and at column 3, lines 22 through 45 and at column 6, lines 17 through 58 and at column 7, lines 1 through 4 and at column 8, lines 38 through 67 and at column 10, lines 1 through 2 and at column 9, lines 1 through 7 and at column 10, lines 30 through 37 and at column 10, lines 47 through 67 and at column 11, lines 60 through 67 and at column 14, lines 9 through 18 and at column 13, lines 11 through 24 and at column 14, lines 40 through 52 and at column 14, lines 59 through 67 and at column 15, lines 38 through 45 and at column 16, lines 59 through 67 and at column 18, lines 1 through 31 and at column 19, lines 1 through 4), a "sensing a device that is connected to the network but not included in the defined control configuration" (as defined at column 4, lines 13 through 59 and at column 3, lines 45 through 55 and at column 6,

lines 8 through 48 and at column 9, lines 8 through 18 and at column 9, lines 51 through 67 and at column 23, lines 42 through 64 and at column 24, lines 46 through 61 and at column 25, lines 1 through 26), a "supplying initial interconnect information to the connected device" (as defined at column 3, lines 45 through 55), a "uploading configuration parameters from the connected device to the distributed controller" (as defined at column 3, lines 45 through 55 and at column 21, lines 30 through 37), a "device type of the connected device" (as defined at column 9, lines 19 through 22 and at column 22, lines 24 through 34 and at column 25, lines 10 through 22), a "role of the connected device with respect to the process control system" (as defined at column 4, lines 1 through 12), a "assigning a physical device tag the determined role" (as defined at column 4, lines 1 through 22 and at column 6, lines 59 through 67 and at column 8, lines 1 through 9 and at column 7, lines 8 through 20 and at column 8, lines 38 through 67 and at column 7, lines 41 through 60 and at column 10, lines 3 through 46 and at column 9, lines 37 through 51 and at column 12, lines 1 through 67 and at column 11, lines 10 through 67 and at column 13, lines 1 through 2 and at column 14, lines 18 through 29 and at column 13, lines 35 through 67 and at column 14, lines 40 through 67 and at column 15, lines 1 through 67), a "verifying connection of the device to the network" (as defined at column 4, lines 1 through 12 and at column 23, lines 42 through 64).

Further, none of the references of record alone or in combination disclose or suggest the combination of limitations specified in independent claim 6, including: a "sensing a device that is connected to the network but not included in the defined

control configuration" (as defined at column 4, lines 13 through 59 and at column 3, lines 45 through 55 and at column 6, lines 8 through 48 and at column 9, lines 8 through 18 and at column 9, lines 51 through 67 and at column 23, lines 42 through 64 and at column 24, lines 46 through 61 and at column 25, lines 1 through 26), a "supplying initial interconnect information to the connected device" (as defined at column 3, lines 45 through 55), a "uploading configuration parameters from the connected device to the distributed controller" (as defined at column 3, lines 45 through 55 and at column 21, lines 30 through 37), a "assigning a physical device tag the determined role" (as defined at column 4, lines 1 through 22 and at column 6, lines 59 through 67 and at column 8, lines 1 through 9 and at column 7, lines 8 through 20 and at column 8, lines 38 through 67 and at column 7, lines 41 through 60 and at column 10, lines 3 through 46 and at column 9, lines 37 through 51 and at column 12, lines 1 through 67 and at column 11, lines 10 through 67 and at column 13, lines 1 through 2 and at column 14, lines 18 through 29 and at column 13, lines 35 through 67 and at column 14, lines 40 through 67 and at column 15, lines 1 through 67), an "installing" of "a control strategy to the digital device" (as defined at column 4, lines 1 through 12 and at column 7, lines 1 through 4 and at column 10, lines 19 through 28 and at column 22, lines 13 through 23 and at column 21, lines 30 through 62).

Further, none of the references of record alone or in combination disclose or suggest the combination of limitations specified in independent claim 7, including: a "sensing a device that is connected to the network but not included in the defined control configuration" (as defined at column 4, lines 13 through 59 and at column 3,

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lines 45 through 55 and at column 6, lines 8 through 48 and at column 9, lines 8 through 18 and at column 9, lines 51 through 67 and at column 23, lines 42 through 64 and at column 24, lines 46 through 61 and at column 25, lines 1 through 26), a "assigning a physical device tag the determined role" (as defined at column 4, lines 1 through 22 and at column 6, lines 59 through 67 and at column 8, lines 1 through 9 and at column 7, lines 8 through 20 and at column 8, lines 38 through 67 and at column 7, lines 41 through 60 and at column 10, lines 3 through 46 and at column 9, lines 37 through 51 and at column 12, lines 1 through 67 and at column 11, lines 10 through 67 and at column 13, lines 1 through 2 and at column 14, lines 18 through 29 and at column 13, lines 35 through 67 and at column 14, lines 40 through 67 and at column 15, lines 1 through 67), an "installing" of "a control strategy to the digital device" (as defined at column 4, lines 1 through 12 and at column 7, lines 1 through 4 and at column 10, lines 19 through 28 and at column 22, lines 13 through 23 and at column 21, lines 30 through 62).

Further, none of the references of record alone or in combination disclose or suggest the combination of limitations specified in independent claim 10, including: a "network" (as defined at column 2, lines 51 through 61 and at column 4, lines 13 through 25 and at column 3, lines 22 through 45 and at column 6, lines 17 through 58 and at column 7, lines 1 through 4 and at column 8, lines 38 through 67 and at column 10, lines 1 through 2 and at column 9, lines 1 through 7 and at column 10, lines 30 through 37 and at column 10, lines 47 through 67 and at column 11, lines 60 through 67 and at column 14, lines 9 through 18 and at column 13, lines 11 through 24 and at

column 14, lines 40 through 52 and at column 14, lines 59 through 67 and at column 15, lines 38 through 45 and at column 16, lines 59 through 67 and at column 18, lines 1 through 31 and at column 19, lines 1 through 4), a "sensing a device that is connected to the network but not included in the defined control configuration" (as defined at column 4, lines 13 through 59 and at column 3, lines 45 through 55 and at column 6, lines 8 through 48 and at column 9, lines 8 through 18 and at column 9, lines 51 through 67 and at column 23, lines 42 through 64 and at column 24, lines 46 through 61 and at column 25, lines 1 through 26), a "assigning a physical device tag so that the determined role is set" (as defined at column 4, lines 1 through 22 and at column 6, lines 59 through 67 and at column 8, lines 1 through 9 and at column 7, lines 8 through 20 and at column 8, lines 38 through 67 and at column 7, lines 41 through 60 and at column 10, lines 3 through 46 and at column 9, lines 37 through 51 and at column 12, lines 1 through 67 and at column 11, lines 10 through 67 and at column 13, lines 1 through 2 and at column 14, lines 18 through 29 and at column 13, lines 35 through 67 and at column 14, lines 40 through 67 and at column 15, lines 1 through 67).

Further, none of the references of record alone or in combination disclose or suggest the combination of limitations specified in independent claim 13, including: a "network" (as defined at column 2, lines 51 through 61 and at column 4, lines 13 through 25 and at column 3, lines 22 through 45 and at column 6, lines 17 through 58 and at column 7, lines 1 through 4 and at column 8, lines 38 through 67 and at column 10, lines 1 through 2 and at column 9, lines 1 through 7 and at column 10, lines 30 through 37 and at column 10, lines 47 through 67 and at column 11, lines 60 through 67

and at column 14, lines 9 through 18 and at column 13, lines 11 through 24 and at column 14, lines 40 through 52 and at column 14, lines 59 through 67 and at column 15, lines 38 through 45 and at column 16, lines 59 through 67 and at column 18, lines 1 through 31 and at column 19, lines 1 through 4), a "sensing a device that is connected to the network but not included in the defined control configuration" (as defined at column 4, lines 13 through 59 and at column 3, lines 45 through 55 and at column 6, lines 8 through 48 and at column 9, lines 8 through 18 and at column 9, lines 51 through 67 and at column 23, lines 42 through 64 and at column 24, lines 46 through 61 and at column 25, lines 1 through 26), a "assigning a physical device tag so that the determined role is set" (as defined at column 4, lines 1 through 22 and at column 6, lines 59 through 67 and at column 8, lines 1 through 9 and at column 7, lines 8 through 20 and at column 8, lines 38 through 67 and at column 7, lines 41 through 60 and at column 10, lines 3 through 46 and at column 9, lines 37 through 51 and at column 12, lines 1 through 67 and at column 11, lines 10 through 67 and at column 13, lines 1 through 2 and at column 14, lines 18 through 29 and at column 13, lines 35 through 67 and at column 14, lines 40 through 67 and at column 15, lines 1 through 67).

Further, none of the references of record alone or in combination disclose or suggest the combination of limitations specified in independent claim 16, including: a "network" (as defined at column 2, lines 51 through 61 and at column 4, lines 13 through 25 and at column 3, lines 22 through 45 and at column 6, lines 17 through 58 and at column 7, lines 1 through 4 and at column 8, lines 38 through 67 and at column 10, lines 1 through 2 and at column 9, lines 1 through 7 and at column 10, lines 30

through 37 and at column 10, lines 47 through 67 and at column 11, lines 60 through 67 and at column 14, lines 9 through 18 and at column 13, lines 11 through 24 and at column 14, lines 40 through 52 and at column 14, lines 59 through 67 and at column 15, lines 38 through 45 and at column 16, lines 59 through 67 and at column 18, lines 1 through 31 and at column 19, lines 1 through 4), a "sensing a device that is connected to the network but not included in the defined control configuration" (as defined at column 4, lines 13 through 59 and at column 3, lines 45 through 55 and at column 6, lines 8 through 48 and at column 9, lines 8 through 18 and at column 9, lines 51 through 67 and at column 23, lines 42 through 64 and at column 24, lines 46 through 61 and at column 25, lines 1 through 26), a "assigning a physical device tag so that the determined role is set" (as defined at column 4, lines 1 through 22 and at column 6, lines 59 through 67 and at column 8, lines 1 through 9 and at column 7, lines 8 through 20 and at column 8, lines 38 through 67 and at column 7, lines 41 through 60 and at column 10, lines 3 through 46 and at column 9, lines 37 through 51 and at column 12, lines 1 through 67 and at column 11, lines 10 through 67 and at column 13, lines 1 through 2 and at column 14, lines 18 through 29 and at column 13, lines 35 through 67 and at column 14, lines 40 through 67 and at column 15, lines 1 through 67), an "installing" of "a control strategy to the digital device" (as defined at column 4, lines 1 through 12 and at column 7, lines 1 through 4 and at column 10, lines 19 through 28 and at column 22, lines 13 through 23 and at column 21, lines 30 through 62).

Further, none of the references of record alone or in combination disclose or suggest the combination of limitations specified in independent claim 18, including: a

"network" (as defined at column 2, lines 51 through 61 and at column 4, lines 13 through 25 and at column 3, lines 22 through 45 and at column 6, lines 17 through 58 and at column 7, lines 1 through 4 and at column 8, lines 38 through 67 and at column 10, lines 1 through 2 and at column 9, lines 1 through 7 and at column 10, lines 30 through 37 and at column 10, lines 47 through 67 and at column 11, lines 60 through 67 and at column 14, lines 9 through 18 and at column 13, lines 11 through 24 and at column 14, lines 40 through 52 and at column 14, lines 59 through 67 and at column 15, lines 38 through 45 and at column 16, lines 59 through 67 and at column 18, lines 1 through 31 and at column 19, lines 1 through 4), a "sensing a device that is connected to the network but not included in the defined control configuration" (as defined at column 4, lines 13 through 59 and at column 3, lines 45 through 55 and at column 6, lines 8 through 48 and at column 9, lines 8 through 18 and at column 9, lines 51 through 67 and at column 23, lines 42 through 64 and at column 24, lines 46 through 61 and at column 25, lines 1 through 26), a "role of the connected device with respect to the process control system" (as defined at column 4, lines 1 through 12), a "assigning a physical device tag so that the determined role is set" (as defined at column 4, lines 1 through 22 and at column 6, lines 59 through 67 and at column 8, lines 1 through 9 and at column 7, lines 8 through 20 and at column 8, lines 38 through 67 and at column 7, lines 41 through 60 and at column 10, lines 3 through 46 and at column 9, lines 37 through 51 and at column 12, lines 1 through 67 and at column 11, lines 10 through 67 and at column 13, lines 1 through 2 and at column 14, lines 18 through 29 and at

column 13, lines 35 through 67 and at column 14, lines 40 through 67 and at column 15, lines 1 through 67).

Further, none of the references of record alone or in combination disclose or suggest the combination of limitations specified in independent claim 20, including: a "network" (as defined at column 2, lines 51 through 61 and at column 4, lines 13 through 25 and at column 3, lines 22 through 45 and at column 6, lines 17 through 58 and at column 7, lines 1 through 4 and at column 8, lines 38 through 67 and at column 10, lines 1 through 2 and at column 9, lines 1 through 7 and at column 10, lines 30 through 37 and at column 10, lines 47 through 67 and at column 11, lines 60 through 67 and at column 14, lines 9 through 18 and at column 13, lines 11 through 24 and at column 14, lines 40 through 52 and at column 14, lines 59 through 67 and at column 15, lines 38 through 45 and at column 16, lines 59 through 67 and at column 18, lines 1 through 31 and at column 19, lines 1 through 4), a "sensing a device that is connected to the network " (as defined at column 4, lines 13 through 59 and at column 3, lines 45 through 55 and at column 6, lines 8 through 48 and at column 9, lines 8 through 18 and at column 9, lines 51 through 67 and at column 23, lines 42 through 64 and at column 24, lines 46 through 61 and at column 25, lines 1 through 26), a "configuring" of the device "within an overall control scheme of the process control system" (as defined at column 4, lines 1 through 12 and at column 4, lines 22 through 47 and at column 3, lines 45 through 67 and at column 6, lines 8 through 16 and at column 7, lines 30 through 40 and at column 7, lines 40 through 60 and at column 10, lines 9 through 46 and at column 9, lines 52 through 67 and at column 12, lines 12 through 20 and at

column 12, lines 44 through 60 and at column 14, lines 9 through 17 and at column 14, lines 40 through 67 and at column 16, lines 39 through 58 and at column 17, lines 35 through 50 and at column 22, lines 1 through 67 and at column 21, lines 9 through 67 and at column 23, lines 1 through 64 and at column 24, lines 1 through 67).

Further, none of the references of record alone or in combination disclose or suggest the combination of limitations specified in independent claim 22, including: a "network" (as defined at column 2, lines 51 through 61 and at column 4, lines 13 through 25 and at column 3, lines 22 through 45 and at column 6, lines 17 through 58 and at column 7, lines 1 through 4 and at column 8, lines 38 through 67 and at column 10, lines 1 through 2 and at column 9, lines 1 through 7 and at column 10, lines 30 through 37 and at column 10, lines 47 through 67 and at column 11, lines 60 through 67 and at column 14, lines 9 through 18 and at column 13, lines 11 through 24 and at column 14, lines 40 through 52 and at column 14, lines 59 through 67 and at column 15, lines 38 through 45 and at column 16, lines 59 through 67 and at column 18, lines 1 through 31 and at column 19, lines 1 through 4), a "workstation" (as defined at column 2, lines 30 through 50 and at column 18, lines 31 through 67 and at column 19, lines 5 through 25 and at column 21, lines 9 through 37), a "sensing a device that is connected to the network " (as defined at column 4, lines 13 through 59 and at column 3, lines 45 through 55 and at column 6, lines 8 through 48 and at column 9, lines 8 through 18 and at column 9, lines 51 through 67 and at column 23, lines 42 through 64 and at column 24, lines 46 through 61 and at column 25, lines 1 through 26).

Only to the extent that these features are not found in the prior art of record is the present case allowable over the prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by Applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to Applicant's disclosure.

- A) Nixon et al. (U.S. Patent Number 5,909,368 A; dated 01 JUN 1999; class 700; subclass 002) discloses a process control system using a process control strategy distributed among multiple control elements.
- B) Nixon et al. (U.S. Patent Number 5,862,052 A; dated 19 JAN 1999; class 713; subclass 001) discloses a process control system using a control strategy implemented in a layered hierarchy of control modules.
- C) Nixon et al. (U.S. Patent Number 5,828,851 A; dated 27 OCT 1998; class 710; subclass 105) discloses a process control system using standard protocol control of standard devices and nonstandard devices.
- D) Nixon et al. (U.S. Patent Number 5,801,942 A; dated 01 SEP 1998; class 700; subclass 083) discloses a process control system user interface including selection of multiple control languages.

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- E) Havekost et al. (U.S. Patent Number 5,768,119 A; dated 16 JUN 1998; class 700; subclass 004) discloses a process control system including alarm priority adjustment.
- F) Ross (U.S. Patent Number 5,675,748 A; dated 07 OCT 1997; class 710; subclass 104) discloses a method and apparatus for automatically configuring computer system hardware and software.

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